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THE PANAMA CANAL

The close of the Panama Canal negotiations marks the acquisition of another large strip of territory on the part of the United States, by purchase instead of by conquest. This has been the policy of the American government from the date of the acquisition of the Louisiana Purchase country to the present time. Perhaps some of the territory so obtained resulted indirectly from war, but it has always been the policy to acquire peaceably and by purchase, even such domain as the United States had obtained by right of con-

The fruits of these negotiations leading to the acquisition of vast territory is given in the following list:

| Louisiana | 0,000 |
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| Florida 5.00 | 0,000 |
| Toyas 18,50 | 0,000 |
| Colifornia and New Mexico., 15,00 | 0,000 |
| Arizona 10,00 | 0,000 |
| Alaska 7,25 | |
| Philippine Islands 20,00 | 0,000 |
| Panama Canal 40,000 | 0,000 |
| Panama Canal Strip 10,000 | 0,000 |
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| Total \$140,750 | 1,000 |

Hawaii might also have been included in the above list, for although annexed to the United States upon the petition of the government of the islands, America yet assumed a debt of \$4,000,000 in other fighter he never had his times of taking the control. The acquired property in every case has been a source of great profit to the United States, unless perhaps it be in the Philippines which it is as a builder of character that he have yet to demonstrate the wisdom of will be long remembered. Booker T. their acquisition, from a commercial standpoint.

OPPORTUNITIES IN SISAL.

If it is successfully demonstrated that bagasse, the production of fibre will be strong's task, which is worth quoting. one of the most profitable of island in- He says: dustries. With fibre bringing \$165 per ton in the San Francisco market sisal affords handsome dividends without paying attention to by-products. Half think I might state his objects briefly of the sisal which now goes to waste in bagasse will be utilized in the manufacture of paper if the experiments to be the beauty and civilizing power of inmade on the mainland result as successfully as the crude tests already made by local experimenters. There to labor in its native land before comare thousands upon thousands of acres ing to America, and after coming to of rocky land in the Territory, said to this country was forced to labor for 250 be suitable for sisal production, and years under circumstances that were there are vast possibilities for the fu- hard work. ture of Hawaii in the new industry which almost from its inception was profitable.

Early tests made with Hawaiian sisal rope demonstrated its superiority to medium of industrial education he could the Philippine product, and while the Manila rope has been constantly deteriorating in strength, the local output has met with more and more favor at to change, but he knew that industrialthe hands of manufacturers. If the ly the interests of the two races were vast tracts of government lands now lying idle can be successfully used in the cultivation of sisal, Hawaii stands a chance of approaching the Philippines munity than an ignorant, shiftless one, in quantity of output as well as, of the southern white man would take an rivaling them in quality of production.

A great deal is expected by the sugar interests of the islands from the longpromised trip of Messrs. Keebele and Perkins to Australia in search of a leaf-hopper parasite. Professor Koebele's labors have already been of untold value to the country in the introduction of beneficial insects, and he expects to do a good deal more before he retires from a quarter of century of entomological service.

Honolulu extends a hearty welcome to one officers and men of Admiral Glass's squadron. With the arrival of from the Asiatic station, the harbor will be as full of warships as during the holidays last year. Plenty of entertainment is promised for the visitors, with a first-class vaudeville company at the Orpheum, a fine program of sports and the freedom of the city for their own amusements.

The school exhibit prepared for the St. Louis fair is about to find a resting place. It will be forwarded to Boston who e the residents of that city can have the opportunity of seeing the results of the work of the missionaries sent out from the New England states many years ago.

The World's Fair travel has begun in earnest. If the thousands of through passengers passing Honolulu every month could be assured of steamship accommodations, hundreds might be induced to stay over for a tour of the

Treasurer Campbell's new plan of making every day a nay day is a good ment warrants should not be paid off as rapidly as there is cash in the treasury available for the purpose.

If Honolulu can keep up a steady Ottawa last week to resume his some stream of warships such as will visit torial duties. He is the oldest legis the port within the next few weeks. It received the congratulations of King there will need to be no further worry Edward upon the attainment of his one about tourist travel.

THE BOOK ABOUT

(Samuel Chapman Armstrong; a Biographical Study. By Edith Armstrong Talbot. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co. Washington: Wm. Ballantyne & Sons.)

It has been claimed that Gen. armstrong did more to bring about the transformation of the negro and the Indian into useful American citizens than any other one man. Mrs. Talbot's book describes her father's methods, his endeavors and his success. His monument is Hampton Institute, which has been a more potent factor than many. imagine in bringing the north and south into friendlier relations than those prevailing at the close of the war. This week at the anniversary exercises of the institute the proceedings were participated in by Gov. Montague of Virginia and Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts, members of the Virginia cooperative educational commission and prominent New England educators.

Mrs. Talbot's story of her father's life is not only an entertaining narrative, but a source of encouragement of high endeavor. In founding Hampton Institute General Armstrong had high ideals and well defined plans. He lived to see his ideals attained and his plans realized. For twenty years, from 1870 to 1890, he had a practically continuous struggle; he encountered innumerable obstacles cheerfully, almost gaily, and he never despaired. Unlike many andepression when the fight hardly seemed worth waging. While as an educator General Armstrong held a high rank, Washington, principal of Tuskegee Institute, was a student at Hampton Institute in its earlier years, and, as Mrs. Talbot says, received the baptism of General Armstrong's spirit, and has since his graduation carried on a similar work. He has written for Mrs. Talpaper can be manufactured from sisal bot's book his estimate of General Arm-

"As I have often heard him explain his theory of industrial education-both to me personally and to the schoolwhen I was a student at Hampton, I

as follows: First. He was anxious to give the colored people an idea of the dignity, telligent labor with the hands. He was conscious of the fact that he was dealing with a race that had little necessity

"Second. It was his object to teach the negro to lift labor out of drudgery and toil by putting thought and skill

"Third. He saw that through th bring the two races in the south into closer relations with each other. He knew that in other matters there were differences which it would take years identical in the south, and that as soon as he could prove to a southern white man that an educated skilled negro workman was of more value to the cominterest in the education of the black

"Fourth. Through the industrial system at the Hampton Institute it was his object to give the students an opportunity to work out a portion of their boarding expenses. In this way he meant to prevent the school becoming a hothouse for producing students with no power of self-help or independence. I have often heard him say that the mere effort which the student put forth through the industries at Hampton to help himself was of the greatest value F. T. P. Waterhouse A. Waterhouse to the student, whether the labor itself was of much value or not. In a word, he meant to use the industries as means of building character-to teach that all forms of labor were honorable and all forms of idleness a disgrace." In closing his estimate, Prof. Washington remarks: "It is seldom in my the Tacoma and the vessels coming opinion that one individual has had the opportunity through a single idea to revolutionize the educational thought and activity of so large a proportion of the world as has been true of the founder of Hampton."

> An old acquaintance of Edison's seeking employment secured a note of introduction from the inventor to the assistant general manager of the telegraph company. "My Dear note ran. "This will introduce Mr. who was train dispatcher on the Grand Trunk when I was a peanut conductor. -Edison," The man was so proud of it that he never presented it for fear it might pass from his hands for ever.

John D. Reckefeller has introduced a novelty at his Lakewood golf links in the shape of little girl caddies. Mr. Rockefeller always has a plenty of caddies, and for a time after his return from the south he employed four boys, two to carry his large assortment of clubs and two to chase the balls. The boys failed to perform their duty properly. Hence the girls.

Secretary Shaw is planning a western trip as soon as Congress adjourns. He expects to go to the Pacific Coast, and in addition to visiting San Francisco will run northward to Puget Sound and south to Los Angeles. He will probably nake a few speeches, but explains that, of course, the tour is not in any sense a political one.

who is over let war o I, journeyed to hundredth birthday.

A STORY.

Once upon a time there lived a man who owned a beautiful house with all modern inprovements, including an excellent system of sewerage and sanitary plumbing. I cannot give his exact address, but it was somewhere in the Western Hemisphere. The house was so located and of such dimensions that the owner could conveniently use it both as a residence and business place. The only dark point on the horizon was that all doors belonged to another fellow. The owner was perfectly free to enjoy the possession of his property, but every time himself or his friends or customers wanted to get in or out of the house or pass from one room to another they could not do it without paying a somewhat arbitrary toll at the discretion of the owner of the doors. The result of it was that both customers and friends have found the association with the happy owner of the house somewhat inconvenient and rather expensive. Indeed, he found it so himself, when, after figuring, it was discovered that the sum total of fees paid for the use of the doors was several times over the rental value of the

He scatched his head, lit a cigar and went to have a talk with the owner of the doors, offering to buy him off. "I am sorry, my friend, but the prop-

erty is not for sale." Then he made another proposition; to fix some reasonable toll for a period of time, which proposition the other fellow also respectfully declined, bitterly complaining of hard times and the high cost of living with his numer-

"Well, sir," replied the owner of the house, "if you are such a hog, I will be d-d if I do not fix you mighty

And he fixed him in one night. How he did it is a secret to be discovered by the Honolulu Board of Commerce, and many other parties in trouble in the United States. DR. N. RUSSEL.

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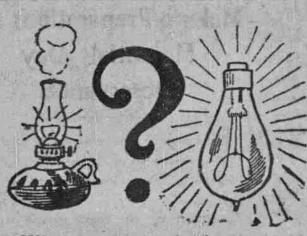
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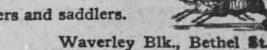
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